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For: **PYROPHOSPHOROLYSIS AND  
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METHOD FOR ACID DETECTORS**

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

Extension fee for response within first month:

- ( ) By a small entity (§1.9(f)) ..... \$ 55.00  
(X ) By other than a small entity ..... \$ 110.00

Extension fee for response within second month:

- ( ) By a small entity (§1.9(f)) ..... \$ 200.00  
( ) By other than a small entity ..... \$ 400.00

Extension fee for response within third month:

- ( ) By a small entity (§1.9(f)) ..... \$ 460.00  
( ) By other than a small entity ..... \$ 920.00

Extension fee for response within fourth month:

- ( ) By a small entity (§1.9(f)) ..... \$ 720.00  
( ) By other than a small entity ..... \$ 1,440.00

Extension fee for response within fifth month:

- ( ) By a small entity (§1.9(f)) ..... \$ 980.00  
( ) By other than a small entity ..... \$ 1,960.00

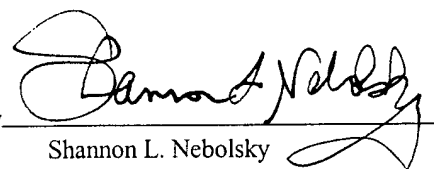
(X) A check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the extension fee is enclosed.

( ) Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 23-0920.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this petition, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-0920. Should no proper amount be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 23-0920. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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